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**This application is a division under 37 C.F.R
§ 1.53 (b) of Application No. 09/466,907.**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,272,253
 - (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,275,614
 - (3) Japan 7-203436
- (4) Barzykina et al., "Image compression for facial photographs, 3/1997,
pp. 322-325.

The foregoing documents were cited during prosecution of the parent application from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Copies of the documents (3) and (4) were provided to the Patent Office in the parent application and therefore, copies are not being provided again.

The documents (1) and (2) were cited by the Examiner during prosecution of parent application 09/466,907 from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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